THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As C-DIT is controlled by Kerala State Film Development Corporation, which is a State Government organisation, Government has no comments to offer. Doordarshan has its own policy for hiring/renting out of equipments to outsiders.

Winding up of AIR Time Committee of India

3774. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Time Committee of India (ATCI) constituted in October last year to implement the scheme for allotment of time slots on the second channel of Doordarshan and FM channels of All India Radio, has ceased to exist; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The resignation of the Chairman and non-official members and the announcement of a new scheme for allotment of time slots on the satellite channels of Doordarshan and the Metro FM channels of Akashvani.

Vacancies in Indian Information Service

3775. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present a large number of posts including top posts are lying vacant in the Indian Information Service affecting its performance and that a number of publicity units are defunct;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for not filling up these vacancies which is seriously affecting the performance of the media; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the deficiencies in the IIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) A statement showing the vacancy position in various Grades of Indian Information Service is enclosed. (*See* below). No Publicity Unit has become defunct on account of vacancies. The main reason for the vacancies remaining unfilled is continuous revision of the seniority list in all Grades of the Service pursuant to the judgements of the Central Administrative Tribunal and Supreme Court in various court cases from 1987 onwards. However, filling up of vacancies is an ongoing process and necessary steps are taken from time to time in this regard.

Statement

Vacancy Position in Indian Information service as on 01-08-1993

S. No.	Grade	Sanctioned Strength	In Position	Vacancies
1	Higher Grade	1	1	..
2	Selection Grade	2	2	..
3	Senior Administrative Grade	12	11	1
4	Junior Administrative Grade	88	53*	35
5	Senior Time Scale	216	193	23
6	Junior Grade (Group 'A') & Senior Grade (Group 'B')	727	573	154
7	Junior Grade (Group 'B')	334	199	134

*Includes officers working on ad-hoc basis and Senior Time Scale officers holding Jun or Administrative Grade posts.